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ANNUAL REPORTS

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TOWN OFFICERS, 1896.

SELECTMEN.

HARLES L. SEAVEY. RICHARD B. HILLMAN. SAMUEL KELLEY.

TOWN CLERK.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD.

TOWN TREASURER.

ENOCH M. MARSH.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS.

HENRY LEWIS.
F. L. PEABODY.

E. C. GAGE.
S. A. RICHARDSON.

J. O. TITCOMB.
W. H. ATWOOD.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

EDWARD HYDE, M. D.

AUDITORS.

WILLIAM G. BUTLER.

C. W. HOBBS.

D. M. WEBSTER.

SEXTON.

KIMBALL J. CHAPLIN.

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LISTS.

DANIEL M. WEBSTER.

GAGE A. FOX.

FRANK M. WOODBURY.

MODERATOR.

GEORGE S. BUTLER.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GEORGE S. BUTLER.

SHERMAN HOBBS.

F. M. WOODBURY.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

O. W. SPAULDING.

D. M. WEBSTER.

CONSTABLES.

WILLIS H. ATWOOD.

F. M. WOODBURY.

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY.

F. A. CUTTER.
G. S. BUTLER.

C. W. HOBBS.
D. M. WEBSTER.

G. H. CURRIER.
E. M. MARSH.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

G. S. BUTLER.
W. G. BUTLER.
C. L. SEAVEY.
W. S. TITCOMB.

C. W. HOBBS.
F. H. HILLMAN.
J. N. WOODMAN.
GEO. P. WOOD.

ORLANDO WILSON.
JOHN N. COLEMAN.
THOMAS LEWIS.
CHAS. H. COLEMAN.

TOWN WARRANT.

{L.S.}

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the town of Pelham, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs :

You are hereby notified to appear at the Town House, in said town, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see what disposition the town will make of the Literary Fund for the year ensuing.
4. To see what disposition the town will make of the Dog Fund for the year ensuing.
5. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for school purposes the year ensuing.
6. To choose one person for Trustee of Public Library for three years.
7. To see how much money the town will vote to raise forther Public Library, in addition to amount required by law, the yea ensuing.
8. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemeteries the year ensuing.

9. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the town debt the year ensuing.

10. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the repair of the highways the year ensuing.

11. To see if the town will vote to observe Memorial Day and raise and appropriate money therefor.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise any money for the repair of their Town House, or to buy furniture for the same.

13. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to lay out a Public Highway, beginning at the end of the highway near the residence of Arthur Steihlel thence westerly by the residence of Daniel L. Coburn to the residence of H. W. Helm, and pass any vote relative thereto.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

CHARLES L. SEAVEY,	} Selectmen of Pelham.
RICHARD B. HILLMAN,	
SAMUEL KELLEY,	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM, TAKEN APRIL, 1896.

Real estate, resident.....	\$274,405 00
Real estate, non-resident.....	101,477 00
Number of polls, 199.....	19,900 00
Number of horses, 312.....	15,205 00
Number of cows, 961.....	22,957 00
Number of Oxen, 2.....	125 00
Number of neat stock, 4.....	70 00
Number of sheep, 1.....	5 00
Number of carriages, 16.....	925 00
Bank stock.....	2,800 00
Money at interest.....	22,805 00
Stock in trade.....	12,015 00
Mills and machinery.....	7,700 00
Number of fowls taxable, 784.....	392 00
	\$480,781 00

TAXES ASSESSED IN 1896

For state tax and town charges.....	\$800 00
county tax.....	965 55
highways.....	1,500 00
schools required by law.....	995 00
schools voted by town district.....	400 00
school supplies.....	80 00
public library required by law.....	59 70
public library voted by town.....	40 30
cemeteries in the town.....	200 00
Memorial day.....	25 00
to pay town debt.....	300 00
interest on town debt to Feb. 15, 1897.....	178 00
overlay.....	212 51
	\$5,756 06

TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR.

Resident tax.....	\$4,464 20
Non-resident tax.....	1,291 86
	\$5,756 06

Rate of taxation in 1896, \$12 on \$1,000.

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.**SCHOOL BOARD.**

Paid Augustus Berry for year ending May, 1896.....	\$40 00
George S. Butler for year ending March, 1896.....	25 00
Edward Hyde for 2 years, ending March, 1896....	60 00

TOWN TREASURER.

Paid Frank W. Woodbury for year ending March, 1896.	40 00
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SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.

Paid George S. Butler for year ending March, 1896....	115 00
Ezekiel C. Gage " " " " 1896.....	70 00
Martin L. Jones " " " " 1896.....	65 00

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Charles W. Hobbs for year ending March, 1896...	40 00
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid George H. Currier for year ending March, 1896....	90 00
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SPECIAL APPRAISERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Paid Charles W. Hobbs for 18 days and use of horse...	50 00
Charles L. Seavey " " " " " "	50 00
James A. Foster " " " " " "	54 00
C. W. Hobbs for books and copying list.....	4 20

SUPERVISORS.

Paid Daniel N. Atwood, supervisor of check lists.....	15 00
George C. Jackman, " " " "	15 00
Daniel G. B. Burns, " " " "	15 00

MODERATOR.

Paid George S. Butler, services as moderator in 1896...	5 00
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BALLOT CLERKS.

Paid Daniel N. Atwood, Nov. election, 1896.....	3 00
Daniel M. Webster, " " 1896.....	3 00
Charles W. Hobbs, " " 1896.....	3 00
Willis Hobbs, " " 1896.....	3 00

TOWN DISTRICT CLERK.

Paid Nathan S. Sleeper.....	10 00
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SEXTON.

Paid Kimball J. Chaplin for ten burials.....	35 00
	\$810 20

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer amount of state tax.....	995 55
County Treasurer amount of county taxes.....	965 00
	\$1,960 55

SCHOOL TAXES.

Paid George S. Butler, treasurer of town school district,	
amount required by law.....	\$995 00
amount voted for school supplies.....	80 00
amount of literary fund for 1895.....	119 28
amount of dog fund for 1895.....	166 35
part of appropriation voted by town district.....	120 00
	\$1,480 63
Leaving amount of appropriation for schools in town	
treasury Feb. 15, 1897.....	\$280 00

BOUNTY ON HAWKS.

Paid Fred Keyes, bounty on 35 hawks.....	8 75
Milon Stickney, bounty on 1 hawk.....	25
Henry Lewis, bounty on 3 hawks.....	75
Gardner W. Sherburne, bounty on 11 hawks.....	2 75
Will Lewis " " 8 " 	2 00
Ed. Smith " " 5 " 	1 25
James A. Foster " " 2 " 	50
Edward Clark " " 4 " 	1 00
Charles H. Colman " " 1 " 	25
Nelson L. Proctor " " 1 " 	25
Wm. Coburn " " 3 " 	75
George C. Jackman " " 2 " 	50
Edward Young " " 1 " 	25
Richard B. Hillman " " 22 " 	5 50
This amount now due from state treasurer.....	\$24 75

TOWN HALL.

Paid George S. Butler for 8½ feet pine wood.....	\$3 37
Mrs. Banister for washing floors.....	1 25
F. M. Woodbury for articles furnished.....	8 48
Frank Cogger for opening hall 93 times at 33 1-3c.	31 00
Frank Cogger for washing and ironing dish wipers.	50
Frank Cogger for washing floors.....	50
Frank Cogger, cash paid for wax.....	14
Frank Cogger for filing saw.....	15
Frank Cogger for saw horse.....	30
Harry Atwood for opening hall 16 times at 33 1-3c.	5 33
Harry Atwood for washing and ironing dish wipers	50
town committee for cleaning church after the dedi-	
cation of public library.....	50
	\$52 02
Rent of town hall.....	31 50
Expense of town hall more than income.....	\$20 52

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Ed. Titcomb's tax in 1892.....	48
" " " " 1893.....	1 00
Abram Newell, " " 1894.....	1 08
Thomas Lee, " " 1894.....	1 08
Harry Spear, " " 1894.....	1 08
Otis Butler, " " 1895.....	1 07
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$5 79</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$5 79
Clarence Harrington, tax in 1895.....	2 68
Mark Hayworth, " " 1895.....	1 23
L. D. Reynolds, " " 1895.....	1 07
George W. Richardson, " 1895.....	1 07
Frank Stevens, " " 1895.....	1 07
Part of Mary Goodspeed's tax in 1895.....	1 29
Abram Newell tax, 1895.....	1 07

\$15 27

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation for cemeteries in town.....	\$200 00
Paid George S. Butler for labor with men and teams....	59 75

Amount now in treasury unexpended..... \$140 25

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation for Memorial Day.....	\$25 00
Paid K. J. Chaplin for music furnished Memorial Day..	10 00
K. J. Chaplin for flags furnished for soldiers' graves.....	1 85
K. J. Chaplin for stands furnished for the soldiers' graves.....	7 50

\$19 35

Amount unexpended for Memorial Day..... 5 65

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

Amount of Gorrell Fund in treasury, Feb. 15. 1896....	\$6 46
Paid Kimball J. Chaplin for flowers and labor on Gorrell lot in 1896.....	4 00

Amount of Gorrell Trust Fund in town treasury,
Feb. 15, 1897... .. \$2 46

Paid K. J. Chaplin for care of D. T. Gage lot in Centre Cemetery in 1895.....	\$2 00
K. J. Chaplin for care of D. T. Gage lot in 1896....	2 50

Amount now due town for care of Gage lot to Feb.
15, 1897..... \$4 50

CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

Mrs. Solomon Barker left by will one hundred dollars, in trust to the town of Pelham, the interest to be expended on her lot in Centre Cemetery.

Said sum is now deposited in the Railroad National Bank of Lowell, Mass., awaiting the action of the town where to invest it.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid George S. Butler, car fare, books, etc.....	\$6 00
C. L. Seavey, books and postage.....	4 76
Morning Mail Co. for printing reports for 1895....	44 82
Central Savings Bank, year's interest on town debt, ending February 21, 1897.....	160 00
C. L. Seavey for repairing bridge on new road....	2 08
C. L. Seavey for removing tree from Beaver Brook	4 25
C. L. Seavey expense to pay county tax.....	2 50
J. N. Coleman & Son for guide board.....	25
J. N. Coleman & Son for repairing road machine..	40 00
C. L. Seavey for tables for town hall.....	8 00
Edson C. Eastman for town warrants.....	44
Expense of recording deed of Library building lot.	1 37
Samuel Kelley for repairing stone railing on Whit- ing bridge.....	9 55
David A. Greeley for 8 covering stones for culvert.	6 48
George H. Currier, expense getting tax bills printed	3 00
C. W. Hobbs, interest on \$300, note dated June 27, 1895, to Feb. 15, 1897.....	24 98
C. W. Hobbs for putting up and taking down vot- ing booths.....	1 00
W. W. Butler for 2 public watering places, 1896..	5 00
George S. Butler for insuring town hall, from Feb. 6, 1896, to Feb. 6, 1897.....	15 00
George S. Butler for moving safe from town hall to library.....	3 00
P. J. Cogger for use of public watering trough, 1896.....	3 00
C. W. Hobbs for returning births, deaths and mar- riages.....	6 30
George S. Butler for insuring Public Library and Memorial Building, from Sept. 14, 1896, to Sept. 14, 1897.....	40 00
C. W. Hobbs for books and stationery.....	1 25
C. L. Seavey for table for Library Building base- ment.....	30
	\$393 33

TOWN NOTES.

Paid Central Savings Bank amount voted by town to pay on town debt.....	\$300 00
C. L. Seavey, temporary loan borrowed June 6, 1896, paid Feb. 15, 1897.....	1,000 00
Interest on same at 5 per cent.....	34 44
	\$1,334 44

REPORT OF DANIEL M. WEBSTER, ROAD COMMISSIONER FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1897.

Paid Daniel M. Webster, labor 68 days 5 hours.....	\$137 00
Daniel M. Webster, men labor 224 days, 8 hours...	337 20
Daniel M. Webster, team labor 66 days, 6 hours...	133 20
Daniel M. Webster, team labor on machine 2 days.	5 00
Jesse M. Currier, men labor 12 days.....	18 00
Jesse M. Currier, team labor 6 days on machine....	15 00
Jesse M. Currier, team labor 6 days on machine....	12 00
F. M. Carlton, men labor 12 days, 6 hours.....	18 00
F. M. Carlton, team labor 5 days on machine.....	12 50
F. M. Carlton, team labor 7 days, 6 hours.....	15 20
John Clough, men labor 5 days, 4 hours.....	8 10
John Clough, team labor 5 days, 4 hours.....	10 80
Geo. P. Wood, men labor 1 day, 2 hours.....	1 80
Geo. P. Wood, team labor 4 hours.....	80
George Carlton, men labor 8 days, 7 hours.....	13 05
George Lary, men labor 3 days.....	4 50
George Kent, men labor 1 day.....	1 50
J. Greenwood, men labor 1 day, 8 hours.....	2 70
A. K. Tallant, men labor 9 hours.....	1 35
F. L. Peabody, men labor 1 day, 6 hours.....	2 40
N. Ranlett, men labor 3½ hours.....	52
S. A. Richardson, men labor 7 hours.....	1 05
S. A. Richardson, team labor 3 hours.....	60
Otis A. Gage, men labor 3½ hours.....	50
H. O'Leary, men labor 4 hours.....	60
S. A. Richardson, gravel.....	5 00
F. Gendreau, gravel.....	3 40
D. M. Gould, gravel.....	2 70
	\$764 47

REPORT OF O. W. SPAULDING, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Paid O. W. Spaulding, 60 days.....	\$120 00
O. W. Spaulding, 160 days labor of month men....	240 00
O. W. Spaulding, horses and carts 81¼ days.....	162 50
O. W. Spaulding, 4 horses on machine 6½ days....	32 50
Joshua Searls, 7 days.....	10 50
Robert Deane, 34¼ days.....	51 75
Joseph Hamblett, 27 days.....	40 50
John Marsh, for repairing culvert.....	10 00
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$667 75</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$667 75
Paid Augustus Berry, for 190 loads gravel....	8 50
John Doherty, for 95 loads gravel.....	4 75
Jonathan Whitehouse, for 5 loads gravel.....	25
C. W. Hobbs, for 6 loads gravel.....	30
W. C. Barker, for painting iron bridge.....	1 33
John H. Marsh, for breaking snow paths.....	1 75
Willis Sherburn, for breaking snow paths.....	3 00
Willis Spaulding, for breaking snow paths.....	7 20
Total amount expended by O. W. Spaulding.....	\$694 83
Total amount expended by Daniel M. Webster.....	764 47
	\$1,459 30
Amount assessed for roads in 1896.....	\$1,500 00
Amount expended for roads in 1896.....	1,459 30
Amount in treasury Feb. 15, 1897, due highways.....	\$40 70

LIBRARY AND MEMORIAL BUILDING.

Paid Frank M. Woodbury, treasurer of library building committee, on sundry orders the full amount of library building fund in town treasury to Feb. 15, 1897....	\$3,415 00
Orders issued by building committee and paid in 1895...	2,390 00
Marble tablets presented by Charles Wheeler, valued...	350 00
Total.....	\$6,155 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Voted to raise in addition to the amount required by law sufficient to make...	\$100 00
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This amount has been paid over to F. M. Woodbury, treasurer of public library.

JANITOR OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Charles M. Kent for care of public library to Feb. 15, 1897.....	\$12 00
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TRAMPS.

Paid Samuel Kelly for keeping 10 tramps.....	\$8 50
George Cheney for keeping 3 tramps.....	1 50
	\$10 00

SUMMARY.

Paid town officers.....	\$810 20	
state tax.....	995 55	
county tax.....	965 00	
George S. Butler, treasurer of town school district.....	1,480 63	
bounty on hawks.....	24 75	
town hall.....	52 02	
miscellaneous.....	393 33	
town note.....	1,334 44	
Frank M. Woodbury, treasurer of lib- rary and Memorial building.....	3,415 00	
Frank M. Woodbury, treasurer of Pub- lic Library.....	100 00	
for care of Public Library.....	12 00	
for tramps.....	10 00	
for road commissioners.....	1,459 30	
abatement of taxes, 1895.....	15 27	
cemeteries.....	59 75	
for Memorial Day.....	19 35	
cemetery trust funds.....	6 50	
		\$11,153 09

The following is the financial standing of the town,
February 15, 1897:

LIABILITIES.

Due Central Savings Bank, notes.....	\$3,700 00	
“ Charles W. Hobbs, note.....	300 00	
“ cemetery trust funds.....	150 00	
“ Gorrell fund.....	2 46	
“ cemeteries in town.....	140 25	
“ Memorial Day appropriation, unexpended	5 65	
“ schools.....	280 00	
Estimated outstanding bills.....	360 00	
		\$4,938 36

ASSETS.

By cash in Treasury Feb. 15, 1897.....	\$441 68	
“ “ due from collector, 1896 tax.....	334 83	
“ “ due from D. T. Gage fund in Nashua Savings Bank.....	4 50	
“ cemetery trust funds.....	150 00	
“ bounty on hawks.....	24 75	.955 76

Towns indebtedness Feb. 15, 1897.....	\$3,972 60
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Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. SEAVEY,	} Selectmen of Pelham.
RICHARD B. HILLMAN,	
SAMUEL KELLEY,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report
for the year ending February 15, 1897 :

DR.

To cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1897.....	\$3,139 42
Received of George H. Currier 1895 tax.....	290 58
Interest on 1895 tax	15 94
George H. Currier 1896 tax.....	5,420 03
State treasurer, railroad tax.....	130 48
State treasurer, savings bank tax.....	382 17
State treasurer, literary fund.....	102 20
C. L. Seavey, temporary loan.....	1,000 00
F. M. Woodbury, donations for library....	875 00
C. W. Hobbs, dog license for 1895.....	1 80
D. P. Atwood, dog licenses for 1896.....	189 65
K. J. Chaplin, one cemetery lot.....	1 00
Dividend from Traders and Mechanics Insurance Co.....	15 00
Harry Atwood and Frank Cogger, use of town hall.....	31 50
Total.....	\$11,594 77

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Cash paid on sundry orders issued by selectmen.....	\$11,153 09
Leaving amount of cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1897, in- cluding \$191.45 dog fund, and \$102.20 literary fund, and \$2.46 Gorrell fund.....	\$441 68

ENOCH M. MARSH,

Town Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned Auditors of the town of Pelham, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1897, find that the Selectmen have issued orders on the Treasurer to the amount of \$11,153.09, and that said orders are properly receipted. We also find that the Treasurer has received \$11,594.77, and has also paid orders above mentioned, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$441.68.

W. G. BUTLER,	}	Auditors.
DANIEL M. WEBSTER,		
CHARLES W. HOBBS,		

LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Town appropriation.....	\$4,000 00
Donations, W. B. Thom, Haverhill, Mass.....	500 00
Charles Wheeler, Lowell, Mass.....	500 00
Clinton Thom, Haverhill, Mass.....	300 00
Warren & Reuben Sherburne, Boston, Mass.....	200 00
Fred Brooks, Boston, Mass.....	100 00
Augustus Berry, Pelham, N. H.....	100 00
Daniel G. Tyler, Boston, Mass.....	50 00
John F. Tyler, Boston, Mass.....	50 00
Charles H. Tyler, Boston, Mass.....	50 00
Wyman Bros., Boston, Mass.....	50 00
Charles H. Tenney, Methuen, Mass.....	50 00
Charles Stickney, Lowell, Mass.....	50 00
David Chase, Lowell, Mass.....	50 00
Josiah Butler, Lowell, Mass.....	25 00
John C. Gage, Kansas City, Mo.....	25 00
"A friend," Lowell, Mass.....	20 00
Daniel W. Tenney, Methuen, Mass.....	20 00
Charles P. Titcomb, Methuen, Mass.....	5 00
Martha A. Couilliard, Pelham.....	5 00
John Roney, Boston, Mass.....	5 00
Total.....	<u>\$6,155 00</u>

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Cash paid Geo. M. Cole & Co.....	\$4,608 36
Charles Wheeler, marble slabs....	350 00
Sanborn Furnace Co.....	165 00
for book cases.....	110 00
Stickney & Austin, architects.....	100 00
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<u>\$5,333 36</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$5,333 36
Cash paid Redding, Baird & Co., lead glass..	64 90
D. M. Webster, labor.	52 00
E. A. & A. T. Smith, concrete.....	51 75
Smith & Bingham, concrete.....	32 50
Geo. Fowler, moving sheds	50 00
F. H. Hillman, painting, &c.....	46 35
Wheeler Reflector Co., chandelier.	40 00
Thompson Hardware Co.....	38 25
Jones, McDuffie & Stratton, lamps, &c.....	31 28
Dedication expenses.....	31 16
C. W. Hobbs, for fence.....	24 63
C. W. Hobbs, for labor, &c.....	15 50
W. E. Livingston, cement.....	21 60
W. E. Livingston, teaming cement	5 25
E. A. Wilson, 2 tons coal.....	12 00
Geo. S. Butler, teaming, &c.....	13 62
Charles Davis, labor.....	14 00
Adams & Co., furniture.....	70 05
F. J. Farr, cases	8 00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	22 68
Total.....	\$5,678 88
Balance.....	\$176 12
Due Adams & Co., furniture, \$85.50.	

In addition to the donations in money, John M. Woods of Boston presented the hard wood finish for memorial room, valued at \$150, Mrs. Whittemore of Worcester, Mass., a clock valued at \$100; John H. Marsh of Pelham, beautiful oak table; Daniel P. and Jonathan M. Atwood, Pelham, stone for cellar.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. WOODBURY,

Treasurer Library Building Committee.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed.....	98
Males.....	93
Females.....	5
Received for licenses	\$211 00
Fees	\$19 60
Cash paid for license blanks.....	0 75
Cash paid for dog killer.....	1 00
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	\$21 35
Balance paid Town Treasurer.....	189 65

DANIEL P. ATWOOD,

Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire I respectfully submit the following:
Marriages Registered in the Town of Pelham for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	1st, 2nd or 3rd Marriage.	Name, residence and Official Station of person by whom Married.
Jan. 16	Salem, N. H.	George B. Smith	Pelham	39	All White.	Stone Cutter	Pelham	John J. Smith. Harriet M. Bailey.	Denmark Pelham	1st	Daniel Onstott, Clergyman, Salem.
		L. B. Richardson	Salem	39		Housewife	Salem	Jesse Bergen. Rachel Webber.	Salem	2d	
Feb. 12	Pelham	Jesse M. Currier	Pelham	24		Milk Dealer	Pelham	G. B. Currier.	Pelham	1st	Augustus Berry, Clergyman.
		Wilhemina Miller	Dracut, Mass.	20		Weaver	Dundee, Scotland	Laura A. William Miller	Salem	1st	
Apr. 29	Chilnsford, Ms	A. W. Richardson	Pelham	23		Farmer	Dracut, Mass.	Mary C. W. Richardson	Dundee, Scotland	1st	Ernest C. Bartlett, Clergyman.
		Edith A. Wright	Chelmsford, Ms.	19		At Home	Wesford, Mass.	Mary M. Robinson Geo. W. Wright	Prospect, Me.	1st	Chelmsford, Mass.
May 12	Bradford, N. H.	Samuel Kelley	Pelham	63		Farmer	Salem	Carrie F. Bailey. Richard Kelley	Wesford, Mass.	1st	Arthur Locke, Clergyman.
		Sarah E. Hall	Bradford, N. H.	43		Housekeeper	Eastport, Me.	Pessey Webster. Cyrus West.	Pelham	2d	Bradford, N. H.
May 27	Pelham	Edward B. Titcomb	Pelham	33		Stable Keeper	Jersey City, N. J.	Nehemiah Arnold. Edw. M. Titcomb	Nova Scotia	1st	Charles W. Hobbs, Justice.
		Tressie Gee	Woodstock, N. S.	20		Operative	Woodstock, N. S.	Laura A. Zachariah Gee		1st	Pelham.
June 24	Pelham	Arthur G. Currier	Pelham	28		Manufacturer	Pelham	Mary George H. Currier	Pelham	1st	Robert Court, Clergyman, Lowell, Mass.
		Jessie W. Smith	Lowell, Mass.	25		At Home	Lowell, Mass.	Aroline William Smith	Pelham	1st	
Aug. 15	Windham	Valentine Perkins	Pelham	38		Blacksmith	Kenduskeag, Me.	Margaret G. Smith Charles B. Perkins	Kenduskeag, Me.	2d	Joseph P. Crowell, Justice.
		Alice A. Wilson	Pelham	40		Housekeeper	Camden, Me.	Abbie W. Richardson	Camden, Me.	2d	Windham, N. H.

Births Registered in the Town of Pelham for the Year Ending December 31, 1896.

Name of Child.	Date of Birth, 1896	Living or Born.	Sex of Child.	Color.	Number of Births.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birth Place of Father.	Birth Place of Mother.
James H. Doherty	Jan. 10	L	M	W	2d	Joseph Greenwood.	Emma Gosnell.	W	Pelham	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.
Herbert	Feb. 13	L	M	W	2d	John H. Doherty.	Mary Green.	W	"	Farmer.	Rutland, Vt.	Ireland.
Arthur J. Greenwood	Mar. 4	L	M	W	3d	Almon W. Herbert.	Nellie May Ashworth.	W	"	Farmer.	Pelham.	Lowell, Mass.
Worcester.	Mar. 14	L	M	W	4th	Pierre Greenwood	Victoria Bussiere.	W	"	Carpenter.	Lowell, Mass.	Canada.
Estelle Ferguson.	Mar. 24	L	F	W	2d	Jason R. Worcester.	Margie Lipsell.	W	"	Laborer.	Pelham.	Nova Scotia.
Wilson.	Mar. 25	L	F	W	1st	Orlando Wilson.	Marjorie J. Ferguson.	W	"	Farmer.	Pelham.	Nova Scotia.
Hoyt	May 10	S	F	W	1st	William C. Hoyt.	Sarah K. Ruimer.	W	"	Mechanic.	Pelham.	Lowell, Mass.
Quigley.	June 17	L	M	W	7th	John Quigley.	Effie A. Sturtevant.	W	"	Farmer.	Weare.	Buffalo, N. Y.
Edna M. Livingstone.	July 21	L	F	W	4th	Charles E. Scott.	Mary Murphy.	W	"	Farmer.	Ireland.	Pelham.
Doris L. Titcomb.	July 22	L	F	W	1st	Wm. J. Livingstone.	Almira B. Currier.	W	"	Farmer.	Windham.	Nova Scotia.
William B. Kent.	Aug. 20	L	F	W	2d	James O. Titcomb.	Sarah M. Ferguson.	W	"	Farmer.	Lawrence, Mass.	Tyngsboro, Mass.
Olive L. Hamblett.	Sept. 6	L	M	W	4th	George T. Kent.	Maria A. Gould.	W	"	Butcher.	Pelham.	Boston, Mass.
Fred Alwood Greeley.	Oct. 5	L	M	W	2d	Joseph M. Hamblett.	Carrie F. Brown.	W	"	Laborer.	Pelham.	Nashua.
Harris.	Oct. 19	L	M	W	2d	Fred A. Greeley.	Hattie L. Sawyer.	W	"	Laborer.	Methuen, Mass.	Pelham.
	Nov. 26	L	M	W	1st		Bertha L. Alwood.	W	"	Farmer.	Pelham.	Pelham.
	Dec. 30	L	M	W	3d	Harry A. Harris	Lillie B. Russ.	W	"	Farmer.	Methuen, Mass.	Methuen, Mass.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Pelham for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Name of Deceased.	Date of Death.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.	Age.			Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
					Years.	Months.	Days.							
Richard Thistle...	Jan. 5	M	W	W	89	3	2	Farmer	Dracut, Mass.	Dracut, Mass.	Dracut, Mass.	Thomas Thistle.	B. Richardson...	Pneumonia.
Ann Carr	Jan. 24	F	W	W	76	..	9	Housewife	England	England	England	Isaac Fox.....	Sarah Hanson...	Apoplexy.
Mareia V. Titcomb.	Feb. 16	F	W	W	84	7	19	Housewife.	Halifax, Mass.	.....	.....	Jacob Thompson	Esther Short....	Mitral dis. of heart
Sarah S. Barker....	Feb. 21	F	W	W	91	10	17	Housewife...	Ipswich, Mass	Scotland.....	.....	John Symons ...	Abig'l Stanwood	Apoplexy.
Lavinia B. Kent ..	Mar. 31	F	W	M	76	4	20	Housewife...	Nashua	Nashua	Milford	D'vd W. Wallace	.....	Asth, with pneumo.
Augustus Kent. . .	April 7	M	W	W	83	8	28	Shoemaker.	Pelham	Pelham	Hudson	Joseph T. Kent	Nancy S. Farmer	Paral. with pneum.
Addie E. Titcomb. .	May 8	F	W	S	20	4	14	Housekeeper	New York.	.....	.....	Geo H. Titcomb	Abbie Champlin	Consumption.
Caroline G. Hobbs..	June 5	F	W	M	53	8	26	Housekeeper	Pelham	Pelham	Sutton	D. G. Stickney	M. J. Woodward	Heart disease.
Ann Lee.....	July 6	F	W	M	58	..	..	Housekeeper	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	John Hickey ..	Bridget Brennan	Phthisis Plumon's
Augustus J. Achorn.	Sept. 4	M	W	M	31	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Accidental shoot'g
Waldo I. Hoyt.....	Sept. 12	M	W	S	..	24	..	.....	Pelham	Wearse.....	Bufalo, N. Y...	William C. Hoyt.	E. A. Sturtevant	Marasmus.
Ann E. Tenney.....	Oct. 3	F	W	S	49	..	..	Housekeeper	Pelham	Pelham	Springfield, Vt..	Edm. D. Tenney.	Lucy Woods....	Tubroid tumor.

**The Following Persons Were Brought to this Town for
Burial During the Year :**

Name of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Death.	Date of Death.
	Years.	Months.	Days.		
Isaac Coburn	80	..	26	Dracut, Mass.....	January 11, 1896.
Louisa H. Moore.....	62	..	2	E. Bri'gwater, Ms.	February 15, 1896.
William P. Clark.....	62	..	26	Lawrence, Mass..	April 12, 1896.
Thomas S. Spear	62	..	22	Everett, Mass.....	April 19, 1896.
Julia F. Spaulding.....	75	9	20	Charlton, Mass....	May 19, 1896.
Lydia A. Chase.....	64	..	..	Lowell, Mass.....	May 25, 1896.
Betsey G. Spear.....	57	7	26	Everett, Mass.....	July 11, 1896.
Alice J. Cardinal.....	..	2	6	Methuen, Mass....	October 6, 1896.
Orrin C. Carlton.....	52	..	..	Lowell, Mass.....	November 27, 1896.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD,

Town Clerk.

REPORT
OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD
OF THE
TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1897.

School District Officers.

SCHOOL BOARD.

EDWARD HYDE.....Term expires March, 1897
AUGUSTUS BERRY.....Term expires March, 1898
GEORGE S. BUTLER.....Term expires March, 1899

CLERK.

NATHAN S. SLEEPER.

TREASURER.

GEORGE S. BUTLER.

AUDITORS.

GEORGE H. CURRIER, FRANK M. WOODBURY.

MODERATOR.

CHARLES W. HOBBS.

TEACHERS.

No. 1.—SUSAN M. SMITH, year
No. 2.—SYBIL W. REYNOLDS, year.
No. 3.—HATTIE M. SMITH, year.
No. 4.—E. FANNY WOODMAN, year.
No. 5.—RENA M. CARR, spring.
MARY A. CUTTER, fall.
ALICE M. WORTHEN, winter.

WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Pelham
qualified to vote in District Affairs.*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district, on the sixteenth day of March 1897, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subjects embraced in this warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools in addition to that required by law.
8. To see how much money the District will vote to raise for Text Books and School Supplies the ensuing year.
9. To see how much money the District will vote to raise for the repairs of School Houses the ensuing year.

10. To see what action the District will take in regard to furnishing a water supply in any or all the Schools and raise money therefor.

Given under our hands at said Pelham this twenty-seventh day of February, Eighteen Hundred Ninety-Seven.

GEORGE S. BUTLER.	}	School Board.
EDWARD HYDE.		
AUGUSTUS BERRY.		

A true copy of Warrant—Attest :

GEORGE S. BUTLER.	}	School Board.
EDWARD HYDE.		
AUGUSTUS BERRY.		

REPORT.

The real object of the School Report is light and information upon the subject of education, and this is for the purpose of creating an intelligent and progressive educational sentiment among the people. It is a plea for better schools, better teaching and a better educated people.

THINGS ESSENTIAL IN THE MAKING OF A GOOD SCHOOL.

A true educational sentiment. This sentiment means much. It creates the atmosphere on which the life of education depends; if this is pure, intelligent, inquiring and progressive, then the cause of education will be vigorous and flourishing; if otherwise, sickly and languishing. The varied interests of society have a mutual dependence. They help or hinder one another. It is needful that these interests be abreast of each other. The age is progressive; the cause of education should, in progress, be abreast of other things. Is it? Men are looking for progress elsewhere; do they look for it in the schools? There are better methods in agriculture, in the arts, in locomotion, in the communication of intelligence, etc. Men ask for these, they demand these. But do they demand progress in the schools? They are informing themselves on these other lines; they read upon these other subjects; but do they read about the schools

and the art of teaching? But in connection with the educational sentiment, there is the financial question. While there should be economy in this as in other things, good schools cannot be sustained without money, and the standard of expense here must be taken from the standard of expense in other affairs. If large sums are spent upon other interests of society, the same must be expended upon the schools.

HOW SHALL WE DO IT?

The true educator has his ideals, but the anxious question is, how shall they be realized? How create deeper public interest in the cause? How improve the schools? How attain better methods and secure better work?

But the question of improving the schools involves other questions, such as these. How make the most of the limited means? How shall the teacher perform the multifarious duties of some of our mixed schools?

SOME OF THE FACTORS IN A GOOD EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

One is the idea of that in which true education consists. Then there is the philosophy of the child's mind and even his whole nature. Then the educational sentiment of the community. Then the means, money, that can be used for this end. The teacher, too, is an essential factor. Has he a talent for teaching? Has he thorough qualification? Has he had experience? Are his literary attainments broad and accurate? Is it his constant study to perfect himself in this divine art? Can he inspire his pupils? Can he apportion subjects to their minds?

Analagous attainments are essential in the conduct of other interests of life ; but they are indispensable in the work of the teacher. Such qualifications have their price in education as they have in other things. These things are not generally considered or understood. Somehow there is a notion abroad that a teacher can be secured most any time, and on most any terms. Under such conditions the School Board has to address itself to the task of securing teachers. Rarely can they procure the teacher that is every way what they want, and they have to solace themselves with the consideration that it is the best that can be done in existing conditions and for the price paid.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS.

This is something not generally understood. The schools never can be at their best or do their best work while there is a frequent change of teachers. Excepting in rare instances, this is attended by a great loss, every way. It is like a constant change of horses, the individual soon finds himself out of a horse. And the school continually changing teachers will soon find itself without system or method,—a failure, as far as true education is concerned.

THE ELEMENTS OF STUDY.

These are the first thing ; without them all is a failure : but they are nevertheless largely neglected. Children want to skip them ; the parents complain that the child is kept too long on the simple things,—he must be hurried on to what seems to them more solid work. This is a great hindrance to good work in the schools. Another thing is the lack of clear perception. Knowl-

edge that is in a haze or the mud is worth little; something must clear away the haze and mud before it can be available for practical use.

The failure of the teacher to understand the peculiarities of his pupils is a weakness in the schools that amounts to failure. Such a teacher cannot handle the school; he cannot inspire it; he cannot do thorough work. The motto, "Treat and Teach all Pupils Alike," is not a good one. The treatment of pupils must be according to their constitutional differences, their varying ability, their environments and heritage,—and the teaching that does not recognize these things is cruel, injurious and a failure.

CLASSIFICATION.

A school cannot do its best work unless there is a good classification. The efficiency of the school, its real worth, depends on this; and this matter, of so much importance to the pupil and the school as a whole, is often determined by the whim of the pupils, or whims originated in the home.

A school cannot be of much value unless it is a working school. A school must be a place of intense industry. Let no one be alarmed at the word *intense*. Let no visions of pale, sickly, nervous children, broken in health, compelled to leave school with all the hopes of life shattered, and going down to an early grave, rise before them. While there may be exceptional instances of this kind, they are few. There are sickly young people, those who have to drop their studies and leave school, not because of hard study, but the general habit of life,—dress, food, late hours, and the excitement of society. As a general fact, pupils in our schools do not know what

intellectual work is. They have no idea that this is what they are in school for; if there is any work, the teacher is expected to do it. There is but little patient application: they conceive of nothing like mental labor. In entering our school-rooms the idea of an intellectual work-shop would hardly be suggested; there may be activity, but it is not in the line of the acquisition of mental power. The idea of intellectual work needs development in our schools. Public sentiment is at fault in this matter. There is not an understanding of that in which the best teaching consists. The School Board have been saddened to find some of the best teaching rated as of the least value.

THE POSITION FOR CRITICISM.

This must be from a point in the school-room where all the work may be seen and understood, and not from the home. This is the only point from which fair and honest judgment can be formed, and just criticisms made. If there be a tendency to doubt or dissatisfaction, let this position in the school-room be taken, before the doubt is uttered or the dissatisfaction expressed.

Some things are indispensable to the welfare of the schools.

SYSTEM.

There is especial need of this; all things being equal, the one who systemizes his work will accomplish the most. But there is a difficulty in establishing a system in one's work or life, because of what I will call, from the want of a better term, the depravity of things. In the case of the individual, it comes from perverse and

wrong inclinations, an unwillingness to make one's-self do what he knows that he ought to do. In the case of the home, from the disinclination of the several inmates to fall into a system. No hour for the daily meals, for rising and retiring, suits the inclinations of the several members; and thus with other things; and hence, a truly systematic home is rare. The same difficulty is met in the effort to systemize the school. Here there is not merely indifference to the system, but a studied opposition, instead of accepting a classification that may for a season involve some extra work or of taking a study out of the order one had thought of, there is a persistency in adhering to one's preconceived notions that prevents a harmonious system.

A COURSE OF STUDY.

This is especially needful. Perhaps a course somewhat flexible, but a course that pupils shall enter by examination, and complete in the same manner. The question of a pupil's going on in the course must be settled by examination. We speak of having examinations in the schools but really we do not have them. It is not only useless but a positive damage for pupils to advance any farther than they can bear examination. Such a system might encounter opposition but it would do a large amount of good.

THOROUGHNESS.

The teacher must see to it that the school is thorough. No careless work must be suffered; attention, precision, and industry, must be insisted upon. Pupils must understand that the school hours must be filled

with hard, studious, faithful work. There are pupils that on account of certain conditions of health need to be dealt leniently by, but these are exceptions and it should be understood by the school why it is so.

LOST TIME.

This is a sad and startling expression in any connection. It is something that can never be fully recovered. The damage never can be perfectly repaired. The lost time of one pupil impairs the interest of his mates and the entire school. To get children regularly to school, and have them keep their places in their class, is worth sacrifice and labor on the part of the home.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Perfect attendance for the year:—

Bessie F. Hyde.	Alice A. Carlton.
Lottie B. Fox	Charlie C. Richardson.

Perfect attendance for two terms:—

Delia B. Atwood.	Carrie Frances Hobbs.
Arthur P. Atwood.	Charles B. Stickney.
Lena Agnes Cloyd.	Florence A. Cutter.
Clara Cutter.	Susie M. Cutter.
Grace Cheney.	May S. Hillman.
Roy Jones.	Ernest Jones.
Levi Joseph Marsh.	Alice Pauline Marsh.
Silas S. McCann.	Virginia F. Cutter.

Perfect attendance for one term:—

Lucelia F. Cogger.	Beryl G. Hyde.
Alice E. Kent.	Bertha A. Lewis.
Mary J. Muldoon.	Jennie R. Stickney.
Georgie A. Sawyer.	Isa Sawyer.
M. Edna Sawyer.	P. Henry Cogger.

Francis Munroe.	Joseph Walter Sawyer.
Sarah E. Hobbs.	Charles Winthrop Hobbs.
Mabel Herbert.	D. Russell Butler.
Ella Burton.	Arthur Herbert.
Blanche Hillman.	Charles Herbert.
Frank Enoch Marsh.	Hattie Johnson.
Flora Lewis.	Mabel Smart.
Charlie Johnson.	Jerry Smith.
Jessie Simpson.	Laura A. Tallant.
Nellie J. Alexander.	Vesta L. Chamberlain.
Ella M. Tallant.	Albert A. Tallant.
Grace M. Hall.	Cummings G. Titcomb.
Otis E. Titcomb.	Fred Worcester.
Oscar Reissman.	Willie Reissman.
Mabel G. Richardson.	Eva M. Richardson.
Forrest A. Richardson.	Richard H. Currier.
Clara O'Brian.	John W. Peabody.

STATISTICS.

Each school had 33 weeks; No. 5 was abbreviated three days by the sickness of the teacher. The school year was divided into three terms of eleven weeks each; in No. 3, the fall term was 12 weeks and the winter 10.

The teachers were as follows:

SCHOOL No. 1.—Miss Susan Maria Smith.

SCHOOL No. 2.—Miss Sybil W. Reynolds.

SCHOOL No. 3.—Miss Hattie M. Smith.

SCHOOL No. 4.—Miss E. F. Woodman.

SCHOOL No. 5.—Miss Rena M. Carr, Miss Mary A. Cutter and Miss Alice M. Worthen.

ATTENDANCE AND STUDIES.

SCHOOL No. 1.—First term, 32 scholars; second, 31; third, 34; for the year, 36—16 boys and 20 girls. Average attendance, 28.

All attended to reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic; 9 to geography, 10 to grammar, 8 to history, 27 to composition; all practiced in vocal music and drawing, 6 to physiology, 2 to geometry.

SCHOOL No. 2.—First term, 36 scholars; second, 33; third, 29; for the year, 37—17 boys and 20 girls. Average attendance, 28.

All attended to reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic and drawing; 25 to geography and grammar, 12 to history, 20 to composition, 12 to physiology.

SCHOOL No. 3.—First term, 24 scholars; second, 28; third, 26; for the year 30—13 boys and 17 girls.

All attended to reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, geography and drawing; 16 to grammar and composition.

SCHOOL No. 4.—First term, 19 scholars; second, 14; third, 13; for the year, 19—10 boys and 9 girls. Average attendance, 13.

All attended to reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, drawing, vocal music and physiology; 13 to geography, 8 to grammar, 2 to history, 8 to composition.

SCHOOL No. 5.—First term, 20 scholars; second, 13; third, 14; for the year, 21—11 boys and 10 girls. Average attendance 13.

All attended to reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, drawing and vocal music; 11 to geography, grammar and composition, 10 to history, 2 to book-keeping.

The amount expended for teachers and miscellaneous expenses, \$1581.78. The amount expended for school supplies, \$76.03.

Number of scholars attending the schools during the year, 143—67 boys, 76 girls. Expense per scholar for teaching and incidentals, \$11.06 Expense per scholar for school supplies, \$0.54.

AUGUSTUS BERRY,

For the Board of Education.

EXPENSES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

As Rendered by Chairman of the Same, March 1st. 1897.

NO. 1 SCHOOL.

Paid Susan M. Smith, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8.00...	\$88 00
Susan M. Smith, fall term, 11 weeks at 8.00...	88 00
Susan M. Smith, winter term, 11 weeks at 8.00...	88 00
	\$264 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Augustus Berry, repairs in No. 1.....	
Plastering.....	\$6 75
Carpenter work and materials.....	1 45
Cleaning the house.....	1 00
Benches for small scholars.....	1 50
John Colman and G. S. Butler for lum- ber and dressing same and teaming	1 25
Sundries.....	45
George S. Butler, wood sawed and put in shed, 3 cords oak, and 2 cords pine.....	23 50
Augustus Berry, repairs.....	10
Building fires for the year.....	5 35
	41 35
Total expense No. 1 school.....	
	\$305 35

NO. 2 SCHOOL.

Paid Sybil W. Reynolds, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8.00	\$88 00
Sybil W. Reynolds, fall term, 11 weeks at 8 00	88 00
Sybil W. Reynolds, winter term, 11 weeks, at 8.00	88 00
	\$264 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid George S. Butler, for flag, rope and ladder, glass and setting same.....	\$2 75	
Durant & Rogers for repairing clock....	1 75	
George S. Butler, taking off windows and putting on blinds.....	50	
Augustus Berry, 2 brooms.....	50	
Augustus Berry, dipper.....	10	
George S. Butler, wood sawed and put in shed, 22 ft. oak and 3 cords pine.	27 37	
* Mrs. Bannister, cleaning house.....	1 00	
George S. Butler, putting on windows and setting glass.....	62	
Building fires for the year.....	5 75	
		40 34
Total expense No. 2 School.....		\$304 34

No 3 SCHOOL.

Paid Hattie M. Smith, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8.00..	\$88 00
Hattie M. Smith, fall term, 12 weeks, at \$8.00.....	96 00
Hattie M. Smith, winter term, 10 weeks, at \$8.00..	80 00
	\$264 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Augustus Berry, repairs and wash basin	\$1 90	
George S. Butler, incidental expenses...	7 50	
George S. Butler, wood sawed and put in shed, 1 cord pine.....	3 50	
George S. Butler, building fires for the year	5 00	
George S. Butler, cleaning house.....	1 00	
Isaac C. Marshall, wood sawed and put in shed, 3 cords oak and 1 cord pine	20 00	
		38 90
Total expense No. 3 School.....		\$302 90

NO. 4 SCHOOL.

Paid E. Fanny Woodman, spring term, 11 weeks, at \$8.00	\$88 00
E. Fanny Woodman, fall term, 11 weeks, at \$8.00..	88 00
E. Fanny Woodman, winter term, 11 weeks, at \$8.00	88 00
	\$264 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Augustus Berry, benches for small scholars.....	\$1 00	
Augustus Berry, water-pail and dipper	40	
Augustus Berry, cleaning school-house..	2 50	
Augustus Berry, 2 brooms.....	50	
Henry Russ, wood sawed and put in shed, 15 ft. oak wood and 16 ft. pine.....	16 38	
John Wilson, repairing woodshed.....	4 60	
Frank M. Woodbury, pump and tubing	5 25	
Gage Fox, taking off double windows..	50	
George S. Butler, for lumber.....	1 25	
Building fires for the year.....	5 55	
		37 93
Total expense No. 4 School		\$301 93

NO. 5 SCHOOL.

Paid Rena M. Carr, spring term, 11 weeks, at \$8.00... .	\$88 00
Mary A. Cutter, fall term, 11 weeks, at \$8.00.....	88 00
Alice M. Worthen, winter term, 10 weeks 2 days, at \$8.00	83 20
	\$259 20

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Augustus Berry, cleaning house.....	\$1 00	
Augustus Berry, 1 broom.....	25	
Augustus Berry, cleaning clock.....	2 00	
Augustus Berry, setting glass and other repairs.....	1 64	
Augustus Berry, water-pail.....	25	
Augustus Berry, repairs and brooms....	1 97	
Augustus Berry, miscellaneous expense..	33	
George S. Butler, wood sawed and put in shed, 14 ft. hard, 16 ft. pine.....	16 62	
Building fires for the year.....	5 60	
Cleaning house.....	1 00	
Repairing flag	50	
		30 16
Total expense No. 5 School		\$289 36

NO. 6 SCHOOL.

Expense carrying school children to School No. 2:

Paid John F. Johnston for carrying school children to School No. 2, spring term, 11 weeks, at 75 cents per day	\$41 25
John F. Johnston for carrying school children to School No. 2, fall term, 11 weeks, at 75 cents per day.....	41 25

Total expense No. 6 School	\$82 50
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BOOK ACCOUNT.

Paid J. L. Hammett for stationery, sundry times	\$10 57
Edward E. Babb & Co., books and stationery	13 30
Maynard & Merrill, for books.....	3 60
Ginn & Co., for books	10 30
Merrill & King, stationery, slates and pencils.....	6 02
Thompson & Brown, arithmetics and blanks	1 99
Werner & Co, writing books bought at sundry times.....	6 15
American Book Co., geographies and civil government.....	16 57
Sundry other persons, books and stationery.....	3 10
Frank M. Woodbury, for ink.....	1 00
Prang & Co., school supplies at sundry times.....	4 81
Thomas B. Lawler, pencil pads and stationery	2 40
	\$79 81

RECAPITULATION.

Paid teachers No. 1.....	\$264 00	
miscellaneous expenses.....	41 35	
		\$305 35
Paid teachers No. 2.....	264 00	
miscellaneous expenses.....	40 34	
		304 34
Amount carried forward.....		\$609 69

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$609 69
Paid teachers No. 3.....	264 00	
miscellaneous expenses.....	38 90	
		302 90
Paid teachers No. 4.....	264 00	
miscellaneous expenses.....	37 93	
		301 93
Paid teachers No. 5.....	259 20	
miscellaneous expenses.....	30 16	
		289 36
Paid No. 6 carrying children to No. 2.....		82 50
Paid book and supply account for all schools		79 81
Total expended for the year ending March 1st, 1897.....		\$1,666 19

GEORGE S. BUTLER,

For School Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Of the Town School District for the year ending March 1st, 1897.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

DR.

To cash in Treasury March 1st, 1896.....	\$482 97	
received of Selectmen, part of Town and Town District appropriations 1896.....		1,115 00
received of Selectmen literary fund 1895.....	119 28	
received of Selectmen dog fund 1895	166 35	
		\$1,883 60

CR.

By sundry orders drawn by chairman of school board amounting to.....	\$1,586 38	
Leaving a balance in the treasury March 1st, 1897.....		297 22
There is now due from the Town treasury, by an order from the Selectmen, a part of the Town appropriation of 1896, amounting to.....		280 00

BOOK ACCOUNT.**DR.**

To cash in treasury March 1st, 1896....	\$63 48	
received from Selectmen, Town Dis-		
trict appropriation.....	80 00	
received from Augustus Berry, pro-		
ceeds from the sale of school		
supplies.....	3 78	
Total received.....		\$147 26

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By sundry orders drawn by chairman of school board...	\$79 81	
Leaving a balance in the treasury March 1st, 1897.....	\$67 45	

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BUTLER,

Treasurer Town School District.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the School Board of the Town of Pelham, for the year ending March 1st, 1897, find the Chairman of the School Board has issued orders to the amount of \$1,666.19, and we find the Treasurer of the School Board has received \$2,030.86, and has paid orders above mentioned, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$364.67, including \$67.45 "book account."

FRANK M. WOODBURY,

GEORGE H. CURRIER,

Auditors

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PELHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

This year has been marked by many changes for the better in the condition of the library. The books have been moved from their old and undesirable quarters in the Town Hall to a permanent home, as pretty and convenient as any one might desire, in the new library building, which has already proved itself to be not only an ornament and a luxury, but a necessity.

The books have all been carefully arranged in their new quarters, according to classes and authors and a complete catalogue of all the books now in the library is soon to be issued, containing, under each class, the author, title and class number of each book, so those who patronize the library need have no trouble in finding any book they want if it is in the library. These catalogues will soon be published and at the library for distribution, each family to be entitled to one copy free of cost.

The number of volumes in the library has been increased during the year from 937 March 1, 1896, to over 1,200, at

the present date. This increase seems quite satisfactory in view of the fact that it is about double that of last year, and at this rate it will not be long before we shall have a library, that, in respect to number of volumes, will compare favorably with any town library in the state, as it does already in location and fitness of the library building.

There have been quite a number of book lists handed in by the patrons of the library and many of the books desired have been secured. Every person who reads must have in mind a few books, which they wish to read that we haven't got, and it would be a great help to us in selecting books if such persons would make out a list of books and hand them in for the consideration of the trustees. Such lists can either be left with the librarian or given to any of the board of trustees, and if books recommended in this manner are deemed suitable to place in the library they shall have the preference when purchases of new books are made. We earnestly desire each person to make out such a list, both for their own advantage and as an aid to the trustees in purchasing books.

The treasurer's report will show a balance of \$105.13 in the treasury against a balance of \$223.74 last year; a decrease of \$118.61. We hope when the article in the town warrant which has to do with the appropriating of money for the use of the library is acted upon, that the people will see to it that this deficit is made good, for money invested in good books by the town is not by any means squandered or thrown away, but on the contrary, is an investment that will return good interest.

A word of praise to the librarian in this report will not be amiss, for she has performed the duties of her position faithfully and carefully, in a manner satisfactory both to the patrons of the library and the trustees. She takes a great interest in the welfare of the library and being particularly adapted to her duties as librarian, we hope she will continue to fill the position.

There has been an increase in the number of books taken out this year over last year, which shows an increasing appreciation by the people of the advantages of a free public library.

The trustees take pleasure in embracing this opportunity to thank those people who have given books to the library and assure them that their liberality is duly appreciated, both by the trustees and the people of the town.

In summing up the present status of the library in a few words, we might say that the outlook for its future prosperity and utility never was better, and with an attractive new building, admirably adapted and fitly located for the purposes for which it was constructed, there seems to be no reason why the library should not insinuate itself more and more into the hearts and lives of the intelligent and thinking people of Pelham. Pope says : "The proper study of mankind is man," and how can we study them more fittingly than to study the thoughts of master thinkers ?

With best wishes for the continued prosperity and usefulness of the library this report is respectfully submitted.

SHERMAN HOBBS,
GEORGE S. BUTLER,
FRANK M. WOODBURY.

Trustees of Free Public Library.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1897 :

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March 1, 1896, amount of cash in treasury	\$223 74
Received Town appropriation.....	100 00
Cash from Librarian for fines.....	6 29
Total receipts.....	\$330 03

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Cash paid De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books.....	\$187 85
Librarian's salary.....	20 00
Dumas & Co., rebinding books.....	4 80
Sherman Hobbs, car fare.....	2 00
Sherman Hobbs, blank book.....	1 50
Courier Pub. Co., Rochester, N. H., cards and slips.....	3 50
Courier-Citizen Co., Lowell, Mass.....	1 80
Express	2 10
paper, ink, labels, mucilage, etc.....	1 35
Total expenditures.....	\$224 90
Leaving amount of cash in treasury March 1, 1897	\$105 13

FRANK M. WOODBURY,

Treasurer Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Trustees of the Pelham Free Public Library:

The following report is respectfully submitted :

The Library now contains 1,217 volumes, 280 have been added during the past year, 82 of which were gifts.

Circulation of books 2,058, an increase of 128 over last year's report.

Largest number taken out in one month, January, 1897.....	235
Largest number in one day, March 28, 1896.....	61
Average number in a month.....	171
Amount received in fines.....	\$6 29

Twenty-six cards have been issued since March 1, 1896, and about 150 are in use at the present time.

The Library was closed for three weeks during the removal of the books to the Library Building and while recataloguing.

MARY E. HOBBS,

Librarian.

New Hampshire State Library



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